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Northern Nevada Contractors Turning To Renewable Energy

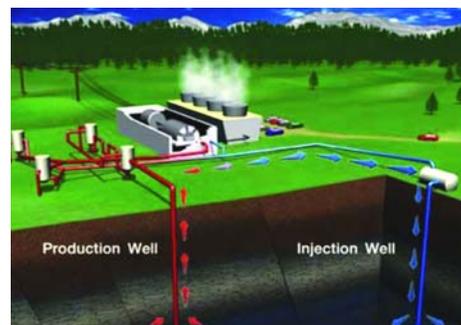
BY ROB SABO

Geothermal development might provide an increase in revenues for construction companies in Northern Nevada in 2011.

Mike Russell, chief operating officer with United Construction, says the immediate future for companies like United could be with renewable energy as solar, wind and geothermal projects around the Silver State.

“There has been a pretty big upside in those construction markets, and as more money starts filtering into Nevada and developers start capitalizing projects, we will see an increase in that area. It’s definitely a bright spot for our market,” he says.

Geothermal developers, such as Ormat Technologies, have projects expected to begin in 2011. Ormat recently completed its Jersey Valley project in Pershing County, a 15-megawatt plant that employed roughly 50 to 75 tradesmen — with more than 95 percent of the labor force coming from Nevada, says Paul Thomsen, director of policy and business



development for Ormat and president and CEO of the Geothermal Energy Association in Washington, D.C.

Construction of Ormat’s McGinness Hills project in Lander County and its Tuscarora project in Elko County are both dependent on tax incentives, Thomsen says. The plants are expected to generate a combined 45 megawatts, and a typical 30-megawatt project will employ 100 to 150 tradesmen during construction and drilling.

Ormat typically acts as general contractor on its projects and has three major subcontractors: electrical, mechanical and civil engineering firms.

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Proposed Clark County Business License Ordinance

By Terri Stevenson

The Department of Business License is responsible for licensing businesses throughout Clark County and uses the Clark County Code of Ordinances (the Code), as the basis for administering and regulating business license activity in Clark County. The Code includes provisions on how to apply for a busi-

ness license, how the application for a business license will be handled and how licensing fees will be processed; in addition to procedures the Department must follow in approving, denying, renewing, suspending, or revoking a County business license.

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Across The Board

December 1-31, 2010

Investigations Division

Compliance Investigations

<i>Investigations Conducted</i>	188
<i>Investigations Closed</i>	206
<i>Licenses Revoked</i>	13
<i>Fines Assessed</i>	\$27,000
<i>Investigative Costs Assessed</i>	\$26,882
<i>Recovery Fund Claims Awarded</i>	\$95,492

Criminal Investigations

<i>Investigations Conducted</i>	110
<i>Investigations Closed</i>	163
<i>Felony Cases Filed</i>	0
<i>Criminal Complaints Filed with District Attorney</i>	14
<i>Citations Issued</i>	15
<i>Convictions</i>	80
<i>Restitution Ordered by Court</i>	\$64,454
<i>Fines Assessed by Court</i>	\$2,775

Licensing Division

<i>New License Applications Received</i>	114
<i>New Licenses Issued</i>	110
<i>License Change Applications Received</i>	251
<i>Licensed Nevada Contractors</i>	16,234

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Mission Statement

The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to promote the integrity and professionalism of the construction industry in Nevada.

The Nevada State Contractors Board has the responsibility to promote quality construction by Nevada licensed contractors through a regulatory licensing system designed to protect the health, welfare and safety of the public.

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Renewable Energy ...

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“It is an open bid process. Our guys put out RFPs, and anyone can apply for them,” Thomsen says.

Infrastructure and road construction provided the lone bright spot for many Northern Nevada contractors in 2009, and local construction industry veterans expect a similar scenario in 2011.

Lance Semenko, senior vice president of the engineering division for Q&D Construction, says roadwork, particularly in rural areas, played a large role in Q&D’s financial health for the past year. The company currently has projects in Lovelock, Bishop, Truckee and Yerington.

“We are all over Nevada and Northern California,” Semenko says. “It is a big part of what we are doing. The vertical stuff is pretty nonexistent, and (roadwork) kept some people working and kept some jobs

for those guys.”

United is finishing up a 50,000-square-foot building for WMS Gaming in South Meadows, and it’s also been performing a lot of tenant improvements and building renovation projects. It’s also hopefully eyeing eight to 10 projects awaiting final approval or funding, Russell says.

United also is finishing the skier services building for Diamond Peak Ski Resort at Incline Village. Because increased competition on the few public jobs out for bid — upwards of a dozen or more contractors per job, Russell says — United has turned to existing client relationships to see if there is any work the company can shake loose.

“We are looking for select opportunities,” he says. “Right now existing client relationships are extremely important.”

Russell believes contractors and general contractors will have to vet their major subs and vendors prior to undertaking big

projects in 2011. Subcontractors also will be asked for increased bonding requirements to help offset financial risk, and this safeguard will drive up costs on projects that require surety guarantees.

Russell says there has been an increase in inquiries over the last six months, compared to volumes in 2009 and the first two quarters in 2010, which leads United to forecast a flat to slight increase in revenue in 2011. He notes that building contractors, such as United, have been extremely hard-pressed the past few years. Much of the work in the area throughout 2010 was infrastructure and roadwork, such as the two major projects currently under way on U.S. 395 through Reno.

Rob Sabo is a reporter with the Northern Nevada Business Weekly.

Proposed Ordinance ...

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Recognizing a need to modernize and reorganize the Business License Code, the Department of Business License, in conjunction with the District Attorney’s office, undertook a major overhaul of the core Business License Code provisions.

The Department of Business License has completed the code overhaul process and recently released a copy of the proposed Business License Code amendment to the public. The Department believes adoption of the proposed ordinance would benefit the business community, since it provides business licensing guidance that is clearer, better organized and more user-friendly than what currently exists in the Business License Code.

Contractors are invited and encouraged to review and comment on this pro-

posed ordinance. A copy of the proposed ordinance, as well as information about where to send your feedback and comments, is available on the Department’s website at:

www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/business_license.

The Department of Business License also plans to hold at least one public workshop early this year to discuss the proposed ordinance and take additional public comments. Those interested in attending such a workshop may send an e-mail expressing their interest to:

PublicCommentCCBL@co.clark.nv.us. Once scheduled, the workshop will also be announced on the Department’s website.

For more information, please call: Terri Stevenson, Auditor, at: (702) 249-3461.

Manufactured Housing Opportunities For Contractors

The Manufactured Housing Division works to ensure that all manufactured homes, modular homes, mobile homes and commercial coaches are safely constructed and properly installed and repaired.

MHD has many functions ranging from processing titles to licensing individuals or companies. One license in specific, **Specialty Serviceperson**, is limited to individuals who hold a valid contractor’s license.

A Specialty Serviceperson has the ability to perform repair on manufactured homes, mobile homes or commercial coaches in one of the following four areas:

- Air conditioning
- Plumbing and heating
- Electrical
- Roofing/skirting/awning

The MHD is experiencing a low number of licensees in rural Nevada. Obtaining a Specialty Serviceperson license could increase your customer base and expand business.

For more information, contact the: Manufactured Housing Division, c/o Joan Hutchings, 2501 E. Sahara Ave. Room 204, Las Vegas, NV 89104, e-mail: mhlicens@mhd.state.nv.us or go to the website at: www.mhd.state.nv.us

Here's What's Happening at the Board

Industry Round Table Well Received

Representatives from industry associations recently attended a round table discussion at the Board's Henderson office. The focus of the discussion included presentations by staff on the Board's various programs, the upcoming legislative session and other matters of mutual concern.



The round table was well received by participants.

Please follow "Industry

Bulletins" announcements on the NSCB's website at:

www.nscb.state.nv.us for future round table discussion dates.

B-2 Scope of Work

Just a Reminder:

The work authorized under the B-2 subclassification is limited to construction work and remodeling of houses or other structures which do not extend more than three stories above the ground and one story below the ground.

Tell Fellow Contractors To Sign Up For Billboard!

For contractors who currently subscribe to the Billboard newsletter, please remind your fellow contractors to subscribe by going to the NSCB website at: www.nscb.state.nv.us. Have them click on "Sign Up for the Billboard Newsletter," located on the "News" tab on the homepage. They will need to enter a valid e-mail address to receive the newsletter. Help spread the word about this important and helpful resource!

The Billboard features many informative articles pertaining to the construction industry, as well as information regarding Board disciplinary actions, criminal cases prosecuted and much more.

Help Fight Unlicensed Contracting

The Nevada State Contractors Board is asking contractors to become involved in helping to protect their neighborhoods from unlicensed contractors by volunteering their homes for one-day use by undercover NSCB investigators for sting operations.

To learn more on how you can help stop illegal unlicensed contractors from targeting your neighborhood, contact:



- Southern Nevada - Kenny Peppley, Supervisor of Criminal Investigations, (702) 486-1100, Ext. 1144.

- Northern Nevada (Carson City, Fallon, Elko and other outlying areas) – Fred Schoenfeldt, Investigations Supervisor, (775) 688-1141, Ext 7884.

Call Before You Dig: Safety Is A Priority

Safety is always a priority, so don't take chances when you are planning an underground excavation or digging project.

Southwest Gas wants to remind you that it's important to know what's below and **Call Before You Dig**.

And, when you Call Before You Dig, you help to prevent your company from

incurring any unexpected costs. By planning your projects, calling 811 and allowing two working days for utility operators to mark their facilities, you can save your company hours of down time, expensive repair costs, possible state regulatory penalties and decrease the potential of injury liability claims.

Southwest Gas would like to remind

excavators to follow the Nevada "One Call" regulations and **call 811** prior to beginning any excavation. Southwest Gas has thousands of miles of buried natural gas pipelines throughout Nevada. These pipelines operate at various pressures and if damaged, can cause serious injury or death.

Board Disciplinary Actions: December 1-31, 2010

The Nevada State Contractors Board adjudicated the following cases from Dec. 1-31, 2010.

First Americans, license number 68139 (Carpentry), based out of Reno, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license. The licensee was fined \$250 and ordered to pay investigative costs.

Raw Enterprises LLC., license number 60746 (Residential & Small Commercial and Speculative Building), based out of Sparks, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship and failure to take appropriate corrective action. The licensee was fined \$550; ordered to pay investigative costs and reimburse the homeowner for \$4,771.51.

Battle Born Builders Inc., license numbers 60375 and 60377 (Residential & Small Commercial and Carpentry), based out of Reno, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to take appropriate corrective action; failure to provide the name, license number, business address and telephone number of all subcontractors on the project; bidding or contracting for a construction contract in excess of the limit placed on the license; and for the partnership, corporation, firm or association participating in a prohibited act. The licensee was fined \$2,500 and ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The licenses were revoked.

Christopher Homes, LLC., license number 51938 (Residential & Small Commercial), based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to obtain the discharge of a lien and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$3,500; ordered to pay investigative costs and provide a current audited/reviewed financial statement with full disclosures and a bank verification form for all cash accounts that supports the license limit.

Kevin Lee Robinson, dba Hunter Electric, license number 38140 (Electrical Wiring and Photovoltaics) and **Kevin Lee Robinson, dba Kevco Construction & Design**, license number 30505 (Residential & Small Commercial), based out of Henderson, NV, were found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to pay money due for materials or services and for the partnership, corporation, firm or association participating in a prohibited act. The licensee was fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay investigative costs. The licenses were placed on probation for two years and a business review was ordered.

R&B Bldg., LLC., license number 70866 (Carpentry), based out of Henderson, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for

substandard workmanship; failure to take appropriate corrective action; acting in the capacity of a contractor beyond the scope of the license; willful disregard of the building laws of the state and failure to include the monetary license limit or license number on a contract or proposal. The licensee was fined \$3,600 and ordered to pay investigative costs. The licensee must pay \$500 per month until all fines and costs are paid.

Optimum Air, Inc., license number 52205 (Refrigeration & Air Conditioning), based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to respond to a written request from the Board; misrepresentation of a material fact; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$1,500; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

Cole Morgan Heller, dba Providential Development Construction, license number 68778 (Carpentry), based out of Pahrump, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to take appropriate corrective action; failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$2,100 and ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

Iceberg Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, Inc., dba Iceberg Air Conditioning & Heating, license number 41715 (Refrigeration, Air Conditioning and Maintenance), based out of Mesquite, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$500; ordered to pay investigative costs and provide a current compiled financial statement with a bank verification form for all cash accounts that supports the license limit.

S. B. B. Plastering, LLC., license number 64148 (Lathing, Plastering and Coatings of Stucco & Cement), based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to respond to a written request from the Board; willful disregard of the laws of the state regarding industrial insurance; failure to notify the Board of a change in personnel or address within 30 days of the change; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$1,500; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

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Board Disciplinary Actions: December 1-31, 2010

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Nevada Installation Services, LLC., dba Nevada Installation Services - Division of Service West, license number 73449 (Finish Carpentry), based out of Henderson, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to respond to a written request from the Board; failure to notify the Board of a change in personnel or address within 30 days of the change; failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$1,500; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

Administrative Citations Paid December 1-31, 2010

(Investigative Costs Also Assessed)

CONTRACTOR	LIC. NO.	FINE
Master Craft Carpet Service, Inc.	70381	\$1,000.00
Boardwalk Cabinetry, LLC.	75062	\$1,050.00
Chicago Painting Inc.	53705A	\$3,000.00
Crystal Mechanical	55465	\$500.00
Danken Construction & Development	70563	\$1,500.00
Davis Construction Development Limited Liability	13699A	\$500.00
H P Enterprises, Inc.	54063	\$500.00
Jacer, LLC.	75294	\$1,000.00
Nevada Handyman Services	71891	\$1,500.00
Parkway Construction & Associates LP	54191	\$500.00
Silver City Builders	67273	\$1,000.00
Tital Roofing	70552	\$1,000.00

Clark County Holds Open House

Clark County Fire and Building Department staff will be available to answer questions on codes and other concerns contractors may have at a Town Hall meeting from 4 to 6 p.m., Feb. 16 at the Hollywood Recreation Center, 1650 S. Hollywood Blvd., Las Vegas, NV.

For more information contact: Dawn Rivard, Clark County Development Services at: (702) 455-8367 or e-mail: mdawn@clarkcountynv.gov

**The Business Review Program is one in which a contractor's business practices and regulatory compliance is examined by NSCB investigative staff. The program is a part of NSCB's proactive investigative efforts.

The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare through licensing and regulation of the construction industry. Under Nevada Revised Statutes, a licensee is subject to disciplinary action by the Board for failure to comply with the requirements of the laws or regulations governing contractors. Violations may result in Board action against the contractor's license. The State Contractors Board has the power to regulate contractors and discipline licensees who violate NRS 624. Disciplinary action may consist of a fine of up to \$10,000 per offense, order corrective action, suspension, revocation or other action.

North Las Vegas Building Department Outlines Its Permit Process

By Amy Farmers

When a contractor applies for a building permit, the City of North Las Vegas' Permit Application Center (PAC) will verify that the contractor's license is active and valid by checking the Nevada State Contractors Board website at:

www.nscb.state.nv.us Staff can search your information by license number, principal name or company name.

If a general contractor is overseeing subcontractors' work on a project, all the subcontractors' (electrical, mechanical, plumbing, etc.) licenses will also be verified. If a license is suspended, revoked or inactive, the contractor and/or the subcontractor(s) must bring their license into good standing with the Contractors Board before any permits can be issued.

Additionally, each contractor's license classification will be evaluated to determine if the contractor has the proper license to perform the specific scope of work. Chapter 624, sections NAC 624.140 to NAC 624.585 of the Nevada Administrative Code located in the Contractors Board handbook lists all license classifications and provides detailed descriptions of what work can be performed for each discipline.

Furthermore, all contractors doing business within the City of North Las Vegas are required to have a City of North Las Vegas business license. Business License applications can be obtained online at our city's website: www.cityofnorthlasvegas.com under the Business License Department.

For more information on the City of North Las Vegas Business License requirements, please call: (702) 633-1520 or contact the Permit Application Center at: (702) 633-1536.

Criminal Cases Prosecuted: December 1-31, 2010

Code:

IC = Investigative Costs

F = Fine

R = Restitution

PB = Plea Bargain

** By Nevada law, the Nevada State Contractors Board has the authority to issue citations and pursue prosecution of individuals for violations ranging from contracting without a license to fraud. The following are the convictions and penalties imposed by the courts.*

Southern Nevada			
ANT Enterprise Inc.	PB	Austin, Christian D.	PB; IC
Ad Force Graphics Inc.	Conviction	Barton, Thomas Lee	Conviction
Anderson, Charles, dba LV Consulting & SV	Conviction	Cruz, Gustavo	\$100 R; IC; PB
Benitez, Hector Filiberto	IC	Deleon, Carlos	IC
Cha, Jongoon	IC	Deltoro-Vargas, Jose Luis	IC
Corlyon, Jolene	PB	Depeller, Nestor	PB; IC
Creating Your Garden of Eden	PB	Dimagiba, Marc	IC
Davis, Michael	Conviction	Gomez, Mary R., dba M 7 M Handyman	Conviction
Dmattus, Edgar Marcos	PB; IC	Gonzalez, Sandoval A.	IC
Fahringer, Steve	\$2,500 R; IC	Gustavo, Mejia S.	PB
Gandulla, Luis Manuel	PB; IC	Hammond, Jeremy G.	IC
Green, Nathan	\$981 R; IC	Harutyuman, Mart	PB; IC
Habib, Ezedan, dba Paint Interior	Conviction	Hernandez, Michael Paul	Conviction
Hardy, Jeffrey Andrew	IC	Hughes, Allen Gordon Jr.	Conviction
Herrera, David	PB; IC	Infinity Communication LLC.	\$3,000 R; IC
Hinojos, Fred, dba Buy Yard	Conviction	JC's Lawn Care & Service & Custom Lawn	PB
Islas, Jose Antonio	Conviction	Khoury, Steven	PB; IC
Kitchen Concepts Inc.	PB	Lethgo, James	PB; IC
Knapp, Mathew H.	PB	Martin, Daniel Gene	PB; IC
Lazo-Ramirez, Manuel Francisco	PB	Martirosyan, Armen Kolia	PB; IC
Leggie Remodelling	\$500 R; IC	Mitchell, Dale, dba Mitchell Home Service	Conviction
Lopez-Bacilio, Erik Gabriel	\$500 F	Naas, Tim	\$620 R; IC
Martinez, Anthony	\$1,200 R; IC; PB	Patton, Samuel	\$1,200 R; PB; IC
Mendez, Ramon Munoz	PB	Premier Bathrooms USA Inc.	PB; IC
Moore, Jason M.	PB; IC	Ramirez, Efrain	PB; IC
Moreno, Romaldo	PB	Romero, Heriberto	PB; IC
Mortel, Daniel F.	PB; IC	Rowe, Ronald Joseph	PB; IC
Pace, Deon, dba D & D Underground	\$2,000 R	Rulz, Brian	PB
Prado, Carlos	PB; IC	Saavedra, Luis	IC
Ricardo Limon, dba Las Vegas Imports Co.	PB; IC	Santiago, Rafael	PB; IC
Salazar, David	PB	Schellenberger, Jay	PB; IC
Stramaglio, Nick Daniel	\$2,400 R; IC; PB	Speedy Services	\$7,000 R; IC
Tafoya, Michael E.	Conviction	Thompson, Jay	Conviction
Vazquez, Jorge	PB; IC	Verde, Terry	\$1,236 R; IC
Vegas Ornamental Irons	\$6,000 R; IC	Warsh, Steven M.	PB; IC
Weist, Wade	PB; IC	Whetetto, Leeto	Conviction
Xuereb, Djoren	PB; IC	Wycoff, Jenny	PB; IC
Northern Nevada			
Davidson, Mark Arthur	\$85 F; IC	Hoyos, Greg J.	\$3,497 R
Rojas-Segura, Oscar	\$305 F; IC		

2011 Nevada State Contractors Board Meetings

The following 2011 Nevada State Contractors Board meetings will take place at: 2310 Corporate Circle, Suite 200, Henderson, NV 89074 and 9670 Gateway Drive, Suite 100, Reno, NV 89521 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

- January 27, 2011
- February 24, 2011
- March 24, 2011
- April 21, 2011
- May 26, 2011
- June 23, 2011
- July 21, 2011
- August 18, 2011
- September 22, 2011
- October 20, 2011
- November 17, 2011
- December 15, 2011

Agendas can be viewed on the website at: www.nscb.state.nv.us under “Agendas & Minutes,” three business days before each meeting. All dates are tentative and subject to change, until a meeting agenda has been officially posted.

New!

Industry Bulletins

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the News Room Tab at:
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